



Riki Wauchek

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Riki Wauchek

SCHOOL: Lincoln Alternative H.S.

SUBJECT: English/Drama Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 2 years

Q. What skills are students in your drama class learning?

A. They learn how to feel comfortable on a stage and how to speak in front of a group of people. They also learn how to project their voice and do improvisation.

Q. Why will these skills help them after they leave your class?

A. They'll be able to think on their feet, as we do a lot of impromptu. They learn how to memorize, which is a skill they will need for college and life after school.

Q. What project are your students working on?

A. They are working on two person scenes. These are short scenes, usually about four minute excerpts from a larger play. They have to memorize their scenes, create all the props and act them out in front of the class. This will be their final for their quarter grade.

Q. Why is drama class a good outlet for your students?

A. My students need as many avenues for expression that they can get. We don't offer many electives at Lincoln, so it's great we can offer drama.

## COMMENTS FROM LINCOLN PRINCIPAL JIM SPORLEDER:

"Riki is well respected by our students and staff for her passion and commitment to creating a nurturing and positive learning environment for our Lincoln students. Riki has an excellent rapport with our students and pushes them to be the best that they can be.

She also serves our school as the assessment specialist and works with staff in organizing the WASL testing and providing incentives for students to attend all WASL testing days."

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
RIKI WAUCHEK'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM RIKI...

I tell my students they can do anything and be anything. I always wanted to be a teacher, but it took me a little longer to get there than most people. I tell students they can fulfill their dreams and do whatever they want. It's who they are inside that matters.

A lot of people might say these are alternative kids - they're bad kids. They're not. They're awesome kids. Drama is a place where they feel comfortable in a safe environment. It's very rewarding and fun.



We have a lot of pride at Lincoln. It starts with the staff. They absolutely love these kids, love the school and love Jim Sporleder. We've made some positive changes, but we're still working to improve our image and programs.